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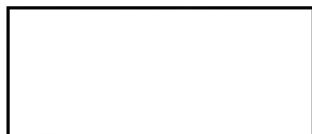
SUBJECT: Dr. Flax's Briefing of OXCART Phase-Out and
U-2R Configuration

1. In attendance at Dr. Flax's Office at 1730,
21 February 1967 were:

Dr. Flax

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Mr. Carl Duckett

DDS&T

B/Gen Bacalis

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2. Prior to Dr. Flax's briefing, an OXCART phase-
down briefing was given to [redacted] in his office.
In this briefing [redacted] gave OSA personnel "points"
that should be covered in Dr. Flax's briefing.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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3. Dr. Flax's briefing opened with a statement by General Bacalis as to the purpose of the briefing for Dr. Flax, and introduced [] who gave the briefing.

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4. The phase-down briefing was presented as agreed to in previous meetings with OSA and DDS&T, including mission requirements, assumptions, and supporting posture. Dr. Flax indicated complete agreement with all assumptions and actions taken to date, i.e.,

a. Aircraft Possessed for CY-1967

January thru June

6 operational A-12's

2 test

1 trainer

July thru December

5 A-12's

1 trainer (October 1967)

Dr. Flax's Comment: January thru June will be within FY-67 flying hour program. July thru September FY-68 will be 240 total flying hours and 180 hours for October thru December FY-68.

b. Cease Operations (all areas) 31 December 1967.

c. Use of OXCART Assets for U-2R/SR-71. U-2R has priority.

d. Aircraft Standard Operational Ready Configuration (SORC).

e. Termination Actions.

f. Flight Safety Modifications.

g. Camera phase-out.

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- h. Systems and Life Support.
- i. Support aircraft and Personnel phase-down.
- j. Management of program.
- k. Schedule of phase-down program, ie.
 - (1) Ops Concept - January
 - (2) Configuration - February
 - (3) Supply Review - March
 - Airframe
 - Engine
 - Equipment
 - (4) Personnel Requirements
 - Review - March
 - Action - May
 - (5) Facilities Review - March
 - (6) Test Program
 - Aircraft - June
 - Equipment - June
 - (7) Budget Review - April
 - (8) Budget Proposal - April
- l. Tasks to be Terminated.
- m. Storage.

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[] added that three major decisions have to be made:

1. Where will the aircraft be stored?
2. What is disposition of the EG&G facility?
3. When can SAC assume responsibility for the OXCART mission?

The leaning seems to be toward Palmdale for storage, as that is to be the IRAN facility for the SR-71 and would simplify return of the A-12 to flyable status if required.

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5. Dr. Flax was advised that we have no operational requirement for installation of System 17B in the OXCART vehicle and recommended dropping it. Since the requirement for installation originally came to us from D/NRO, he was asked for a decision in this regard. He directed members of his staff to look into the requirement and advise. [] indicated a reply would be available 1 March 1967.

6. Mr. Carl Duckett stated that it was his personal opinion that the Agency would have no need for the [] if mothballing and storage was some place else. He also stated that the Agency had no foreseeable requirement as far as he knew.

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7. The U-2R Configuration was presented by [] and Dr. Flax indicated agreement to that Program. Dr. Flax was questioned about the availability of money for full pressurized suits for the pilots. Dr. Flax asked his staff if he had seen a paper on this subject. [] said that he was in the process of preparing a paper.

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8. [] asked about the [] for the Instrument Lab Building. Dr. Flax questioned the building on the premise that BOB had recommended that the Edwards Detachment move to Davis-Monthan AFB. Dr. Flax suggested a "team" survey of Davis-Monthan from a move standpoint and the dollar cost. (A survey will be made 1 March.) He asked [] about the money availability or to charge it to another category. [] suggested the use of [] from OXCART program.

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Deputy for Materiel, OSA

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